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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDAMMAL SIMON : Actually it was found that we have a large amount of sharks. Even now we are not depending on Kerala. We are supplying to the factory in Kerala, which was once with Madras Government and we are also thinking of having a factory in Madras itself.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Prawns fetch a very good price and earn foreign exchange also. Have the Government undertaken any survey regarding exploitation of prawn fish?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Prawns are available. The survey has done and now they are also being exported to other places.

Fishermen's Co-operative Society, Colachel

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of Q. No. 1837 is not in his seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 1837 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the President, Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society kept the funds of the Society in his personal custody, if so, for how long; and

(*b*) whether any interest thereon has been realised from him, and the amount so realised?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The President kept the funds of the Society in his custody from 9th September 1957 to 6th December 1958 with reference to the provisions in By-law No. 23 (*a*) of the Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society.

(*b*) No, Sir.

Asphalt Plants (Madras Corporation)

* 1838 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the Asphalt Plants owned by the Madras Corporation are financed by the Government; and

(*b*) whether the Corporation recently took on loan a hot-mix plant from the Government?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Four Asphalt Plants were purchased by the Corporation of Madras during 1946–50 out of the loan assistance given by the Government.